

MINUTES

Queens Park PAC Minutes

April 6th, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Jason Bloomfield at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance

Chair- Jason Bloomfield
Principal – Rob Zoppi
Minutes prepared by – Kari Alex (yellow)
Christine Schwan (green)
Tanya Bitzer
Tracey St. Claire (green)
Gloria Stanley (yellow)
James Stanley (yellow)

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes from the March meeting were not available with the Secretary away.
- ***ACTION:** The minutes from September through April are requested by Rob in order to post on the school website. Also copies need to be stored in the filing cabinet in the Primary Pod.*
- Minutes from March and April will be reviewed to be passed at the next meeting.

Treasurer's report

- The treasurer is away – no report available

Secretary's report

- The secretary is away – no report available.

Pizza report

- Lynn and Cheryl were away – no report available.

Trustees report

- Tom was not present – no report available.

Principal's Report

Principal Rob Zoppi presented his report.

- ***ACTION:** Rob request that the PAC consider funding a portion the \$1500 QP video project. Need to discuss at the next meeting with the treasurer as to available funding*
- Rob to add Christine Schwan to the PAC distribution list
- below is a direct copy of report prepared by Rob and forwarded prior to the meeting

School Inquiry Question

Reading Inquiry Question was somewhat modified:

While implementing specific structures and strategies through a collaborative approach, what indicators demonstrate that students are practicing and improving their reading at Queen's Park?

** I have a great article that discusses and Inquiry Model to foster School Improvement- I will bring copies to distribute at our meeting.

Jan Vosenilek will begin filming our "infomercial/documentary" beginning April 12th for one to two weeks. He will be interviewing teachers, parents, students and community partners. A script has been developed by the staff and parents and students that will be interviewed will be personally notified by Mr. Zoppi to seek their involvement and permission. In addition, a general letter will be coming home to inform parents of this project.

As indicated in our March PAC meeting - Spring Wish list, I do not know if the PAC is interested in helping support the documentary? Once again this video will be shared with many stakeholders:

1. Parent Council Meeting
2. School-wide assembly for students
3. Place it on our soon to be updated website
4. Share it at the SPC Zone meeting in the spring
5. Share it with our Strong Start parents
6. Share it on the provincial level at the Performance –Based School consortium

Budget Items

Items the PAC members decided to approve from the Spring Wish list at the March PAC Meeting:

1. "Fun Day" inflatable station - \$ 400 approx.
2. Social Responsibility Performances
NED Show at Carmi (bussing cost \$324.96 plus tax – entire school)
Ryan Leech – Trials of Life at Parkway (shared costs between three schools approx. \$200 each including bussing – grade 4 and 5 only)
Both presentations focus on goals setting (Mastery), never giving up (belonging), and giving back to your community (Generosity)

Spring Photos

Information went home in the March Newsletter outlining the process

Accelerated Reader

The AR Program has taken off at Queen's Park. The teachers and staff are so appreciative that the PAC was able to support the purchase of this computer software program- it has been a huge success!

Social Responsibility Initiative

Our recent assembly focused on the Generosity pillar: Environmental Stewardship. In correlation with the upcoming Earth Day, Mr. Vosenilek presented his award winning documentary of the "Midway disaster" and the children were asked to think critically about the three R's of recycling and the 4th "R" that was added: Re-Think or Refuse.

Fundraiser in collaboration with Raise a Reader

Lynn has been in contact with Kelly Jones regarding the joint PAC efforts- Lynn can give the PAC an update at our meeting and to seek anyone interested in helping out.

We are looking for some community registrations for the Ball Hockey Tournament? Is anyone on the PAC interested in putting in a team with Mr. Zoppi? I will bring the registration forms.

Director in the Classroom Proposal

Our proposal to the Community Foundation was turned down. We are in the process of seeking other alternatives with Nikos.

SOS-Q/Satisfaction Survey Results

I will bring copies of the results to share.

Full Day Kindergarten

As we proceed with the planning process for next year, we will be scheduling a Welcome to Full Day K Parent Night in April for our new registrants. Currently we have 19 students registered for our program. From parent and teacher feedback, we will be switching rooms with the Daycare for the 2010-2011 school year. The Kindergarten entrance and classroom will be at the front entrance on Power Street.

Naturalization Project

There have been several teachers and parents that are interested in being part of a committee to turn some parts of our court yard into a teaching/learning area in hopes that the space will get increased use. Art Knapp's Nursery is interested in being our partner in the consultation and donate some materials for this initiative. I would really like to have some of the PAC members sit on this committee as well to share their ideas. Please let Mr. Zoppi know if you are interested.

Spring Concert

As you know, we are adding a Dinner/Theatre to our repertoire for our spring concert. Ticket information will be coming out in the April Newsletter. As a staff, we have come up with a plan to give all our families a fair opportunity to attend. Remember, we will still have our dress rehearsal and afternoon performances similar to the Christmas Concert.

Each family (this included siblings) will have the opportunity to purchase 2 tickets for the Dinner/Theatre – The tickets will be \$5 each – Roast Beef Dinner. The registration money collected will be used as a school fund raiser. There will be a deadline to submit the money and RSVP invitation. If family RSVP's and money is not returned by the pre-determined date, the tickets will be open for other families to purchase the extra tickets. Due to fire regulations and our seating configuration, we can only serve approx. 350 people.

Chair's report

- ACTION: the Chair to revive discussions on the plans for the 'brick wall'

School Planning Committee (SPC) report

- It is unknown the status of the light at the crosswalk
- *ACTION: given a recent injury to a child using the crosswalk over the weekend it is recommended that a letter be written from the PAC to the police and bylaw officers on unsafe driving along Power Street.*
- The next transport committee meeting is the last of this month.
- *ACTION: letter will be prepared for the Chair to submit to the transport committee on the bike lane planning for Wade Ave.*

DPAC report

- DPAC members away – no report available

Old Business

- No old business to report

New business

- Family fun night and book fair (May 26th, 5-7pm) planning presented by Tracey
- Activities reviewed for the event include the cupcake walk; pizza dinner; inflatable jumping castle; Rob to organize stacking cups activity; art or craft station

- PAC Volunteers seconded for a ticket table and to organize the dinner
- *ACTION: Gloria to assess KVR and McNichol student to volunteer for the event*
- *ACTION: Tracey to draft and distribute an itinerary for the PAC*
- *ACTION: Tracey to look into raffle prizes for student volunteers and free pizza*
- *MOTION: to order party perfect inflatable for the event*
 - 1st – Christine
 - 2nd - Gloria

MOTION to pay the babysitter (\$25)

- 1st – Tracey
- 2nd - Tanya

Next Meeting

May 4th, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., primary pod

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 p.m. and was passed unanimously.